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SUBJECT: BUSINESS VISITORS - SECURITY SITUATION IN
ARGENTINA

REF: B.A. 8690

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RELAYED SUBSTANCE REFTEL TO MR. JOHN WILLIAMSON AND TO MR. ROBERT KING OF COMBUSTION ENGINEERING.
2. IN DISCUSSING SITUATION COMPANY OFFICIALS ALLUDED TO AN UNPLEASANT INCIDENT INVOLVING VICTOR MAGGI, A U.S. CITIZEN EMPLOYEE OF COMBUSTION ENGINEERING, WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED TO UNWILLINGNESS OF COMPANY TECHNICIANS TO GO TO ARGENTINA. ACCORDING TO WILLIAMSON AND KING, MAGGI WAS ROUSTED OUT OF HOTEL BED IN ROSARIO ON NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 7 BY LOCAL POLICE, STRIPPED AND FORCED TO REMAIN STANDING NAKED FOR THREE HOURS. AT THE END OF THIS ORDEAL, HE WAS RELEASED UNHARMED, BUT 640 DOLLARS WHICH HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM HIM BY POLICE WERE NOT RETURNED. MAGGI LEFT ARGENTINA THE FOLLOWING DAY WITHOUT REPORTING INCIDENT TO U.S. EMBASSY.

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3. MR. KING TELEPHONED ARGENTINE EMBASSY HERE AND PROVIDED DETAILS OF INCIDENT INVOLVING MAGGI. THE EMBASSY PROMISED TO HAVE THE MATTER INVESTIGATED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

4. KING TOLD DEPARTMENT THAT COMPANY WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CONVINCE AN INSTALLATION SUPERVISOR TO GO TO BUENOS AIRES TO HELP INSTALL COAL BURNING EQUIPMENT IN SEGBA'S PUERTO NUEVO GENERATING PLANT. KISSINGER

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